GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Cadaveric Organ Donation
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade various hospitals/district hospitals across the States to function as organ retrieval centres;

(b) if so, the details of the said plans thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the number of hospitals capable of functioning as organ retrieval centres throughout the nation, State-wise; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to boost cadaveric organ donation in the hospitals across the country?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a): No such proposal is currently under consideration of the Government.

(b) & (c): Though, the Government of India has enacted the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994 (as amended in 2011) and framed Rules thereunder, health is a State Subject. A number of existing medical colleges and tertiary level institutions have the capacity to function as organ retrieval centres. The State Governments can identify and persuade institutions for being registered as transplant centres. The information regarding the number of hospitals capable of functioning as organ retrieval centres is not maintained centrally.

(d): The Government of India has taken a series of measures to promote cadaver organ donation. The Government is implementing the National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP) to promote organ donation across the country. The website of the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation(NOTTO), viz. www.notto.nic.in contains information pertinent to the activities relating to organ donation. A 24x7 call centre with a toll free helpline number (1800114770) and a National Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Registry have also been set up. Financial assistance is admissible for establishing Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (ROTTO) and State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (SOTTO) and hiring of transplant coordinators in Hospitals and Trauma Centres. Further, a number of activities are carried out throughout the year for generating awareness about cadaver organ donation and for imparting training to all those associated with transplant activities including doctors and transplant coordinators.